



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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March 2020 - Law of Month – TIRE EQUIPMENT

With spring around the corner, temperatures outside will be fluctuating day to day. It is important to check your tires on a daily basis.

Checking the air pressure of your tires will be essential during these days of spring when it's cold but warm the next. The air pressure in your tires will fluctuate to be low on cold days and high on warm days. Make sure you adjust accordingly. It will help with gas mileage and also tire wear. It's also important to check the tread of your tires with spring rain in the forecast. Making sure you have tire tread with extra wetness on the roadways and during spring rain is important to prevent accidents.

You will have a better chance of not being stranded on the side of the road or in an accident if you check your tires frequently.

The law of the month will be about tire equipment. All automobiles that are going to be operated on a highway must have tires that are inflated with compressed air. This is important because having the correct amount of tire pressure will lower your chances of being stranded with a flat tire. Also, having the correct amount of tire pressure will lower the chances of damage to your rims on your vehicle. This goes for all trailers, recreational vehicles and semi-trailers.

With having the correct tire pressure and tread, not only will you make the roads of Dodge County safer, but also will reduce the risk of being stranded and not in an accident.

State Statute (347.45):

All automobiles, motor trucks, motor buses, truck tractors, trailers, semi-trailers, recreational vehicles and mobile homes when operated upon a highway shall be completely equipped with tires inflated with compressed air and all other motor vehicles when operated on a highway shall be equipped with tires of rubber or of some material or construction of equal resiliency. No person may operate on a highway any motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, recreational vehicle or mobile home having any metal tire in contact with the roadway, except that tire chains of reasonable proportions may be used when required for safety because of snow, ice or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid and except as provided in sub 2c.